

(b) **Five-member Board:** Whenever a board of commissioners of any county decides to expand a three-member board to a five-member board of social services, the Social Services Commission shall appoint an additional member for a term expiring at the same time as the term of the existing member appointed by the board of commissioners, and the board of commissioners shall appoint an additional member for a term expiring at the same time as the term of the existing member appointed by the Social Services Commission. The change to a five-member board shall become effective at the time when the additional members shall have been appointed by both the county board of commissioners and the Social Services Commission. Thereafter all appointments shall be for three-year terms.

(c) **Change from Five-member to Three-member Board:** The change shall become effective on the first day of July following the decision to change by the board of commissioners. On that day, the following two seats on the board of social services shall cease to exist:

(1) The seat held by the member appointed by the Social Services Commission whose term would have expired on June 30, 1983, or triennially thereafter; and

(2) The seat held by the member appointed by the board of commissioners whose term would have expired June 30, 1981, or triennially thereafter.

“§ 108A-6. *Vacancies.*—Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the manner set out in G.S. 108A-3. All such appointments shall be for the remainder of the former member's term of office and shall not constitute a term for the purposes of G.S. 108A-4.

“§ 108A-7. *Meetings.*—The board of social services of each county shall meet at least once per month, or more often if a meeting is called by the chairman. Such board shall elect a chairman from its members at its July meeting each year, and the chairman shall serve a term of one year or until a new chairman is elected by the board.

“§ 108A-8. *Compensation of members.*—Members of the county board of social services may receive a per diem in such amount as shall be established by the county board of commissioners and travel expenses not to exceed the amounts provided by G.S. 138-5 for attendance at official meetings and conferences, provided such per diem or travel is authorized by the board of commissioners.

“§ 108A-9. *Duties and responsibilities.*—The county board of social services shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) To select the county director of social services according to the merit system rules of the State Personnel Commission;

(2) To advise county and municipal authorities in developing policies and plans to improve the social conditions of the community;

(3) To consult with the director of social services about problems relating to his office, and to assist him in planning budgets for the county department of social services;

(4) To transmit or present the budgets of the county department of social services for public assistance, social services, and administration to the board of county commissioners;

(5) To have such other duties and responsibilities as the General Assembly, the Department of Human Resources or the Social Services Commission or the board of county commissioners may assign to it.